



## Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 06/19 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Village Club

### **GP 06/19 – Present:**

Cllrs: Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Price; Sawyer J.

Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant – Read. 1 member of the public.

Cllr Bowes was proposed as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the coming year which was unanimously agreed.

**Resolved:** Cllr Bowes elected Chairman of GP Committee.

### **06/19.1 – Apologies:**

Cllr Adams – Holiday.

**Resolved:** Apologies were accepted for Cllr Adams.

### **06/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:**

06/19.11 – Allotments – IB, NP & AP.

### **Recess**

#### **Standing Orders were suspended at 19:36:**

A representative from the Tennis Club reported that the Tennis Club were not successful in their grant application to BDBC. Therefore, they are looking to get the courts rejuvenated at a cost of £5,300 + VAT – this would extend the lifespan of the courts by approximately 3-4 years. The Tennis Club can afford the net amount of £5,300 but not the VAT. After a short discussion, the committee recommended the Tennis Club submit a proposal to be discussed at June OM.

**Action:** June OM

#### **Back to Standing Orders 19:53.**

### **06/19.3 – Matters Arising:**

None

### **06/19.4 – Church Fete:**

JS to organise and distribute rota. RP to source gazebo. Documents for the Community Orchard, cemetery, Malthouse Open Space and B3051/A339 to be prepared. Photos to go on the display board to be sent to the Clerk by July GP.

**Action:** All Cllrs.

### **06/19.5 – Malthouse Open Space:**

#### **5.1 Transfer of Asset proposal from BDBC:**

JS and NP met with BDBC officers. The officers are willing to propose to BDBC the transfer of the MHOS to KPC. BDBC would then supply the PC with a proposal. This transfer would not result in a reduction of the mowing and maintenance grant and the PC would take on responsibility and maintenance for the trees. The BDBC owned triangle of land next the Holding Field was also discussed as a possible asset transfer.

**Action:** June OM.

#### **5.2 MHOS Quotes and report from Aquascience:**

Aquascience are watercourse specialists that HIOWWT work with. They have provided a quote of £3851 + VAT for the installation of a sluice, including ordinary water course consent. It was noted that this quote is only for part of the works required and that an itemised quote for the entire works should be sourced. After a short discussion it was agreed the PC should develop a specification for the pond works and source itemised quotes for the whole works for comparison.

**Action:** NP

#### **5.3 Bat Boxes:**

The Clerk contacted Hampshire Bat Care regarding bat boxes in the MHOS and they have provided advice on how to tell if there are bats present. It was agreed to send a photo of the bat boxes to them to ask if they are indeed bat boxes and, if so, check if they are of the current recommended specifications.

**Action:** Clerk.

### **06/19.6 – Lengthsman:**

Items identified to submit to the Lengthsman were: painting the bollards at the bottom of Popes Hill and outside the barbers on George Street; cleaning the Fieldgate Centre sign on Foxes Lane; cleaning the finger posts on Pound Green and Bear Hill; and cleaning the Ashford Hill road sign just off the bypass by the entrance to the village.

**Action:** Clerk

### **06/19.7 – Website:**

There are currently server issues with the PC website host that have resulted in the Clerk being unable to upload required documents and having difficulty editing pages on the website. The PC pay a separate company for emails and this service also includes a website and consultant, which currently the PC is not using. It was agreed the Clerk should investigate moving the PC website provider. Referred to next GP.

**Action:** Clerk. June GP.

#### **06/19.8 – Replacement of Benches:**

The benches at the Dell Recreation ground can be replaced at a cost of £200 + VAT each. A proposal to purchase 5 benches at £1000 + VAT was approved and was referred to June OM for full council approval. A quotation for the installation of the benches is required. A second proposal of up to £300 to remove the old bench in the MHOS and move the WW1 memorial bench to replace it was approved. Clerk to source quotes for this work.

**Resolved:** £1000 + VAT and installation cost for 5 benches referred to June OM. Up to £300 for removal and moving of benches in MHOS approved.

**Action:** Clerk. June OM.

#### **06/19.9 – Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget Consultation 5 June to 17 July 2019:**

After a short discussion it was agreed that Cllrs would reply to the consultation as private individuals and that no reply from the PC would be submitted.

**Action:** All Cllrs.

#### **06/19.10 – Mowing and Maintenance Contract:**

It has been noted that the mowing has not been occurring as regularly as contracted. Clerk has contacted contractors however this issue has not been resolved. It was reported that the cemetery grass hasn't been cut for at least 4 weeks. Clerk to write to contractors to inform that payment will be withheld if work is not completed as contract states.

**Action:** Clerk.

#### **06/19.11 – Allotments:**

##### **11.1 Update from AMG:**

NP and AP attended the AMG meeting. Points that were raised include various allotment plots being weedy and dogs being walked in the allotments. Dogs are not permitted in the allotments, access to the Community Orchard is from Longcroft Road.

##### **11.2 Report from Clerk:**

There is currently 1 vacant plot with 1 new enquiry. 2 plots are about to become vacant with 1 enquiry for one of these. There will soon be 1 vacant plot. Photos are required for any weed letters to be written to ploholders and if the AMG decide to recommend not writing a weed plot letter because of known circumstances it should be minuted.

#### **06/19.12 – Highways Issues:**

##### **12.1 B3051:**

Petitions regarding safety on the B3051 have been created and are being led by 2 residents. JS met with a resident and reported all the junctions onto Winchester Road are blind turnings and that there is a good argument for double white lines and reduced speed limits. JS to write to Cllr Thacker in response to his last report and include issues discussed.

**Action:** JS.

##### **12.2 Issues to report:**

The hedge at Bear Hill is overgrown and is a safety hazard.

**Action:** Clerk.

Cllrs can report highways issues before meetings and provide the Clerk with log numbers.

#### **06/19.13 – Action List:**

Cllrs to update their own areas and return to Clerk by 1st July with priorities listed and review dates. Previously unallocated items were allocated.

**Action:** All Cllrs.

#### **06/19.14 – Planning Applications:**

**14.1 19/00890/RET – Caravan at Yew Tree Farm, Basingstoke Road:** No objection.

**14.2 19/01283/ROC – 27A Swan Street:** No objection.

**14.3 19/01291/HSE & 19/01292/LBC – 8 North Street:** No objection.

**14.4 19/01357/HSE – 15 King John Road:** No objection.

**14.5 18/03696/FUL – Waits Farm, Galley Lane:** No objection.

**14.6 T/00245/19/TCA – 34 Cedar Drive:** No objection.

#### **06/19.15 – Date of next meeting:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:38

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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